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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: H. R. 12206 - Amendments to the Freedom of Information Act

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25X1A 1. A meeting was held with [REDACTED] Office of Security; [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] ISAS/DDM&S, to discuss a preliminary Agency position concerning the subject bill which provides persons access to records on them which are maintained by Government agencies.

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2. [REDACTED] considers that the exemption excluding material classified under Executive Order provided in the bill adequately protects DDO holdings. [REDACTED] felt that certain holdings in the DDM&S would not be protected. [REDACTED] shared this concern. It was agreed that this exemption be expanded to include records "protected by statute." This would pick up the Director's statutory responsibility to protect intelligence sources and methods to cover information not classified.

3. I informed the group that OMB is chairing a working group comprising Justice, Defense, HEW, and CSC, which is preparing an Executive position on the bill for presentation before the Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee of the House Committee on Government Operations on 30 April. Our suggestion will be submitted to the working group for inclusion in a preliminary draft which will be circulated to the Agency for comment on 19 April. The draft report from the Agency to Chairman William S. Moorhead (D., Pa.) commenting on the subject bill and H. R. 13303 and H. R. 13872, related bills, will be circulated to the group and OGC for comment [REDACTED]

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